

## COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

**COMMITTEE:** LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** June 22, 2012

Meeting called to order by Paul Babcock at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were:

Paul Babcock, George Jaeckel, Ed Morse

Others present were: Chief Deputy Parker, John Molinaro

Absent: Pam Rogers, Dwayne Morris

**Compliance with open meetings law:** John Molinaro assured compliance.

**Approve agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of minutes:** A motion was made by George Jaeckel, and seconded by Ed Morse that the May 25, 2012 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Communications:** Some planned projects have started or will be starting soon. Yesterday the engineers were in the parking lot yesterday taking measurements and marking areas to begin the resurfacing of the concrete on the south end. Monday they will be bringing in equipment and beginning the project. Concrete needs to sit for 28 days after it is poured so the parking lot will not be accessible for awhile. The garage and maintenance bay should be accessible. There may be some issues with the evidence room as the section of the parking lot above that is low and water may collect in that area. The Sheriff's Office is looking into renting a pod to store the evidence while the parking lot project is going on. Project funding will allow for the rental of a storage pod.

Chief Deputy Parker said the communications project is ongoing and the Sheriff's Office is continuing to move forward with multiple elements. Currently the Sheriff's Office is building a cinderblock structure in Waterloo that will house the radio communications equipment for that tower site. One also will be built in Ixonia as well. Gen Comm continues to move forward with the project and it should be completed by early fall. There are five tower sites throughout the county and each tower has a small building which contains the equipment. Of the five, two buildings needed repair and one needed a new building. In reply to a question regarding the Ixonia tower site, Chief Deputy Parker said the contract was resolved with the county paying \$250.00 per month, beginning on August 1<sup>st</sup>, for the rest of 2012. In next year's budget will contain about \$500.00 per month for rental (linear feet of height of tower multiplied by the number of cables the agency runs up the tower). He added that they are working with Corp Counsel regarding the Palmyra tower site. Some time ago the building there became unusable and the FBI, who wanted equipment on a tower in that area, put up a portable building. However, the building is just outside of the footprint in the original contract and the owner is looking at charging the county for it. As a result, the county will be putting up a building inside the footprint and at that time there will be no charge for the tower use according to the original agreement which stated that the county, as a government agency, would not have a cost within the footprint. The cost of the building will be covered after the first year since the owner was planning to charge \$500.00 per month for the building that was outside the footprint area.

The Sheriff's Office could be receiving some possible good news from the Wisconsin Clean Cities grant. Although it's not 100% that the grant for installing the new propane systems in the Tahoes

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will be approved, communication from them has indicated that there is a very good possibility that the Sheriff's Office will get it. Plus they have approved the funding for repainting the propane tank out at the Highway Shop.

The Sheriff's Office is in the process of hiring and have just completed the written exam process for a deputy eligibility list. There are three positions to fill, one deputy left the jail for a patrol position in the City of Waukesha. One deputy retired and another deputy did not make it through the training program. Two more possible retirements by the end of the year may necessitate additional hiring.

Discussion came up about an entrance to the Sheriff's Office while the parking lot and sidewalk are redone. The entrance will be between the garage and jail pod. Good signage needs to be put up for visitors and citizens that need to gain access to the Sheriff's Office.

John Molinaro also wanted to commend Captain Haferman who was present at the ICC meeting on Monday. The topic was jails and Captain Haferman was part of a panel discussing jail requirements and issues. Mental health issues were discussed at the meeting and this item may show up on the LEC agenda at some point. The Sheriff's Office has had to reduce the number of hours the mental health worker has available for this service to the inmates. Jails have become a refuge for a lot of these individuals and some of the bigger jails have also become the largest mental health institutes in the state. Jennifer Wendt spends about 12 hours per week with inmates that have mental health issues. Chief Deputy Parker said a meeting will be held with Advanced Correctional Health (ACH) which is the contracted health service for the jail, and the Health Department which has expressed a concern regarding a different level of care for the inmates as opposed to the general health care standard they provide in the county. Everyone needs to be on the same page.

*The tape recording ended at this point. No further information available.*

**Convene to closed session pursuant to Wisc. § 19.85(1)(f) to consider personal/investigative data regarding a deputy:** No tape recording at this point. No information as to whether this was covered in the meeting.

**Grants – Status of ongoing or new grants:** Covered under the communications agenda item.

**Report from the Sheriff:** Covered under the communications agenda item

**Review monthly bills and financial items:** The committee approved the monthly recap report for May bills in the amount of \$123,259.71. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members. (Am assuming these activities took place at the meeting).

**Review monthly jail and patrol activity reports:** Jail and patrol activity reports were reviewed.

**Jail assessment fund items:** General fund items for the month.

Next meeting date is July 27, 2012 (Emergency Management).

A motion made by (no information) to adjourn at (no time) a.m., was seconded by (no information). Motion carried.

Motions Carried: \_\_\_\_\_ Lost: \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_